

shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Amendment.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928.

[H. R. 13248.]

[Public, No. 605.]

CHAP. 895.—An Act To authorize an increase in the limit of cost of one fleet submarine.

Navy.
Cost of one fleet submarine further increased.
Vol. 44, p. 1343, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limitation imposed in the Navy Department and Naval Service Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1925, on construction and machinery expenditures on account of one fleet submarine (mine laying type), increased to \$6,300,000 by the Act of March 2, 1927 (Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 1343), is hereby further increased to \$6,500,000.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928.

[H. R. 13182.]

[Public, No. 606.]

CHAP. 896.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the State of Alabama the silver service presented to the United States for the battleship Alabama.

"Alabama," Battleship.
Silver service presented to, may be delivered to the State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the department of archives and history of the State of Alabama, for preservation and exhibition, the silver service which was presented to the United States for the battleship Alabama by the citizens of that State: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

Proviso.
No Government expense.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928.

[H. R. 13108.]

[Public, No. 607.]

CHAP. 897.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the White River at or near Newport.

White River.
Arkansas may bridge, at Newport.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State Highway Commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and approaches thereto across the White River, at a point suitable to the interest of navigation, at or near Newport, Jackson County, State of Arkansas, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Rates of tolls applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient (1) to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches; (2) the interest on borrowed money necessarily required and financing charges necessarily incurred in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches; and (3) to provide a sinking fund sufficient to retire the bonds issued and sold in connection with such original construction. All revenue received from the bridge shall be applied to the foregoing purposes, and no bonds issued in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches shall be made to mature later than

Use of revenue.

twenty years after the date of issue thereof. After a fund sufficient to retire such bonds in accordance with their provisions shall have been so provided, the bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated as a free highway bridge, upon which no tolls shall be charged. An accurate and itemized record of the original cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, the interest charges paid, and the tolls charged and the daily revenues received from the bridge shall be kept by the State Highway Commission of Arkansas and shall be available at all reasonable times for information of all persons interested.

Maintenance as free bridge, after fund to retire bonds provided.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

CHAP. 898.—An Act For the relief of the State of Ohio.

May 29, 1928.

[H. R. 12938.]

[Public, No. 608.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Ohio be, and it is hereby, relieved from all responsibility and accountability for certain quartermaster property, to the approximate value of \$8,830.64, the property of the War Department, which was lost or destroyed incident to the tornado at Lorain, Ohio, on June 28, 1924, while in the possession of troops of the National Guard, State of Ohio, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to terminate all further accountability for said property.

Ohio.
Relieved from responsibility for loss of property in possession of National Guard, by tornado at Lorain.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

CHAP. 899.—An Act To enable the Postmaster General to purchase and erect community mail boxes on rural routes and to rent compartments of such boxes to patrons of rural delivery.

May 29, 1928.

[H. R. 12905.]

[Public, No. 609.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That under such regulations as he may provide the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase community boxes with separate compartments for incoming and outgoing mail and to erect and maintain such community boxes and suitable sheltered racks or stands for rural mail boxes, in such selected localities as he may determine. The units of said boxes and space in said racks or stands shall be rented at their option to patrons of the Rural Delivery Service at such monthly or annual rates as the Postmaster General shall determine, based on the cost of installation and maintenance. The cost of such installation and maintenance of said community boxes and sheltered stands, not exceeding \$2,000 per annum, shall hereafter be paid from the appropriation for rural delivery.

Postal Service.
Purchase, etc., authorized for community mail boxes, etc., on rural mail routes.

Rental to patrons of rural service.

Cost payable from rural delivery appropriation.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

CHAP. 900.—An Act To require certain contracts entered into by the Secretary of War, or by officers authorized by him to make them, to be in writing, and for other purposes.

May 29, 1928.

[H. R. 12352.]

[Public, No. 610.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter whenever contracts in excess of \$500 in amount which are not to be performed within sixty days are made on behalf of the Government by the Secretary of War, or by officers authorized by him to make

Contracts.
In excess of \$500, etc., made under Secretary of War to be in writing.